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Via ECF

The Honorable Ronnie Abrams
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse
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Re: *United States v. Galanis, et al.*, No. S2 16-CR-00371 (RA)

Dear Judge Abrams:

As counsel to Michelle Morton, I write to request that the Court excuse Ms. Morton's personal appearance at the April 13, 2018 court conference for reasons relating to her health.

As the Court well knows, Ms. Morton suffers from extremely high blood pressure associated with Lupus nephritis, which impacts her ability to travel to Manhattan from her home in New Jersey. (ECF Dkt. No 205, 329).

I am available at the Court's convenience should it wish to discuss this matter or any related issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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